SPACE VOYAGERS in "FOUR TOMBS!"

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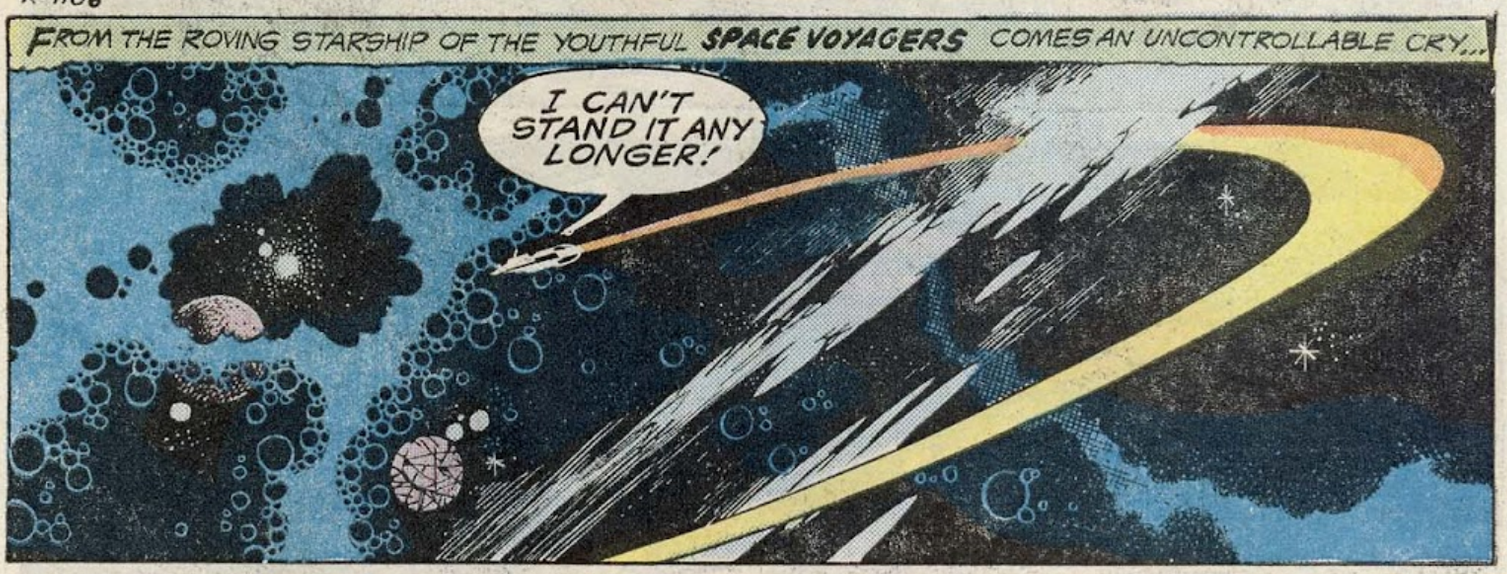
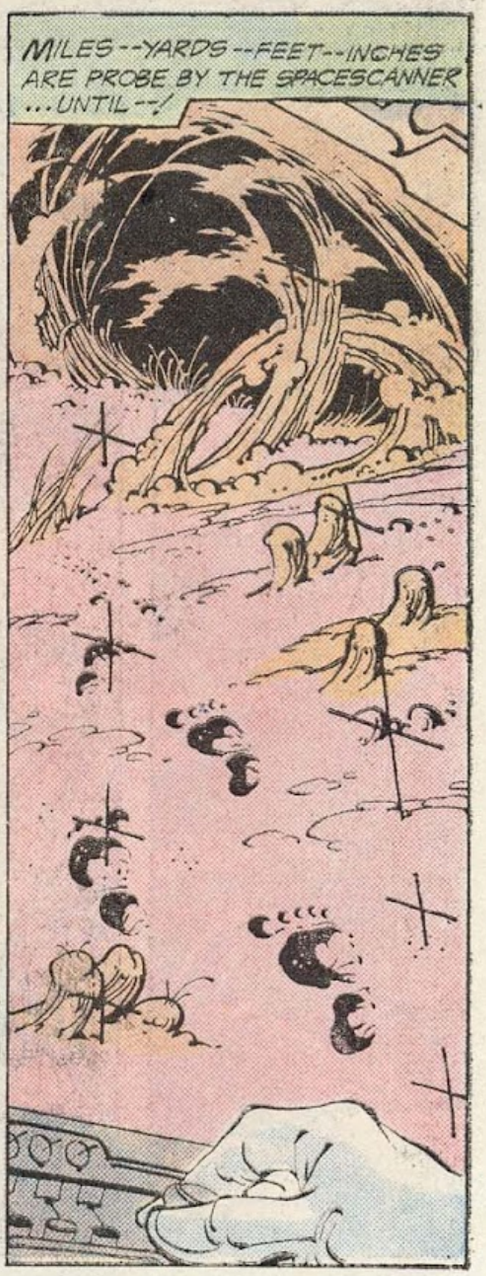
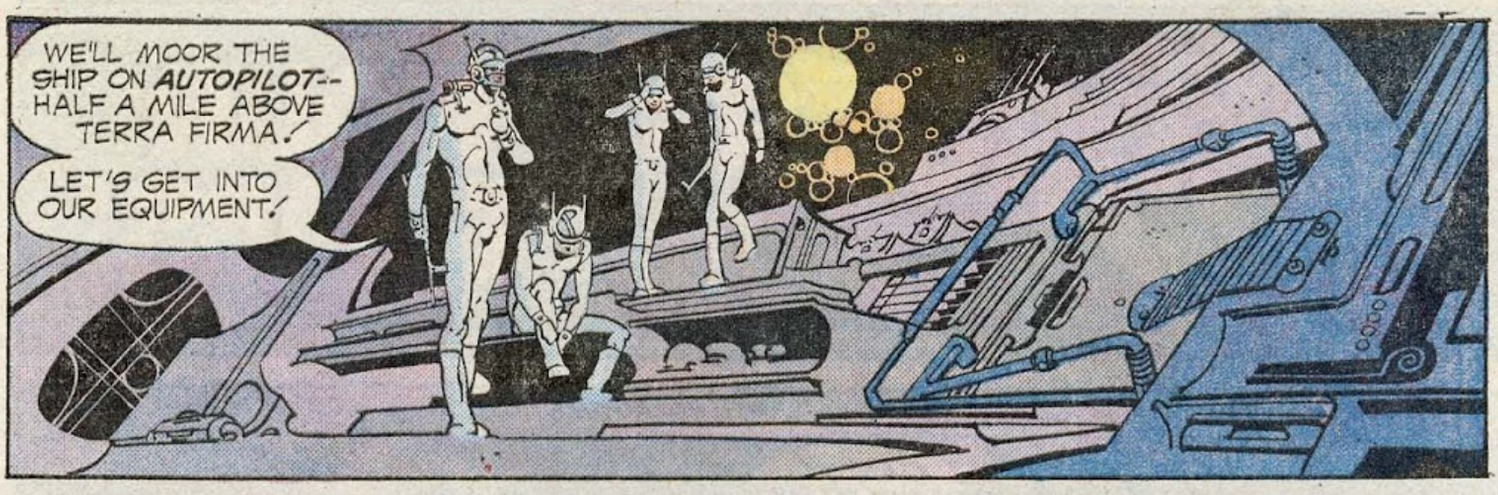
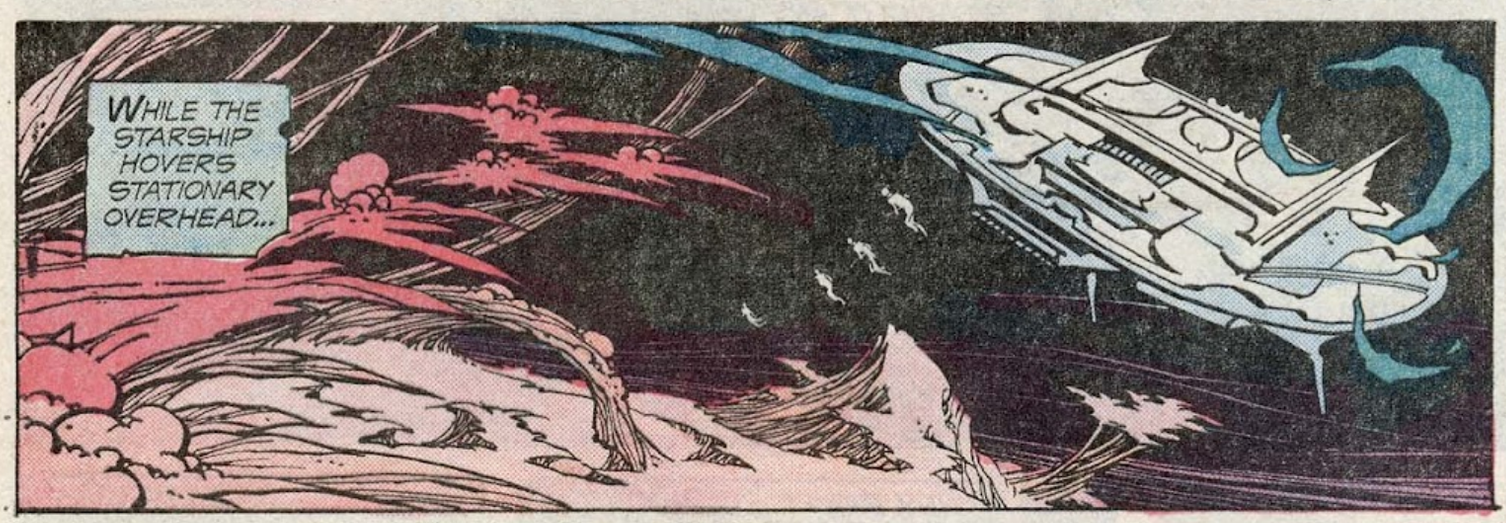


INSIDE THE SPACESHIP...
I KNOW THESE CONCENTRATED FOOD TABLETS SUPPLY OUR BODY'S BASIC NEEDS!
SORRY, MELONG, THERE'S NOTHING OUT HERE EXCEPT A GRAVEYARD OF BURNED OUT ASTEROIDS!
BUT I STILL KEEP THINKING OF REAL FOOD! A STEAK! A PIECE OF BREAD! A--

HEY, BART T... WE'VE PICKED UP A PLANET THAT LOOKS UNINHABITED!
PROBE IT AT Nth POWER GRID, ARMANDO! MAYBE WE CAN LOCATE AN ORANGE FOR MELONG.




WE'LL MOOR THE SHIP ON AUTOPILOT--HALF A MILE ABOVE TERRA FIRMA!
LET'S GET INTO OUR EQUIPMENT!


WHILE THE STARSHIP HOVERS STATIONARY OVERHEAD...

FOOTPRINTS! LEADING TOWARDS THAT HUGE FOREST!

MAYBE IT'S MOTHER HUBBARD HEADING FOR HER CUPBOARD! LET'S FOLLOW THEM!
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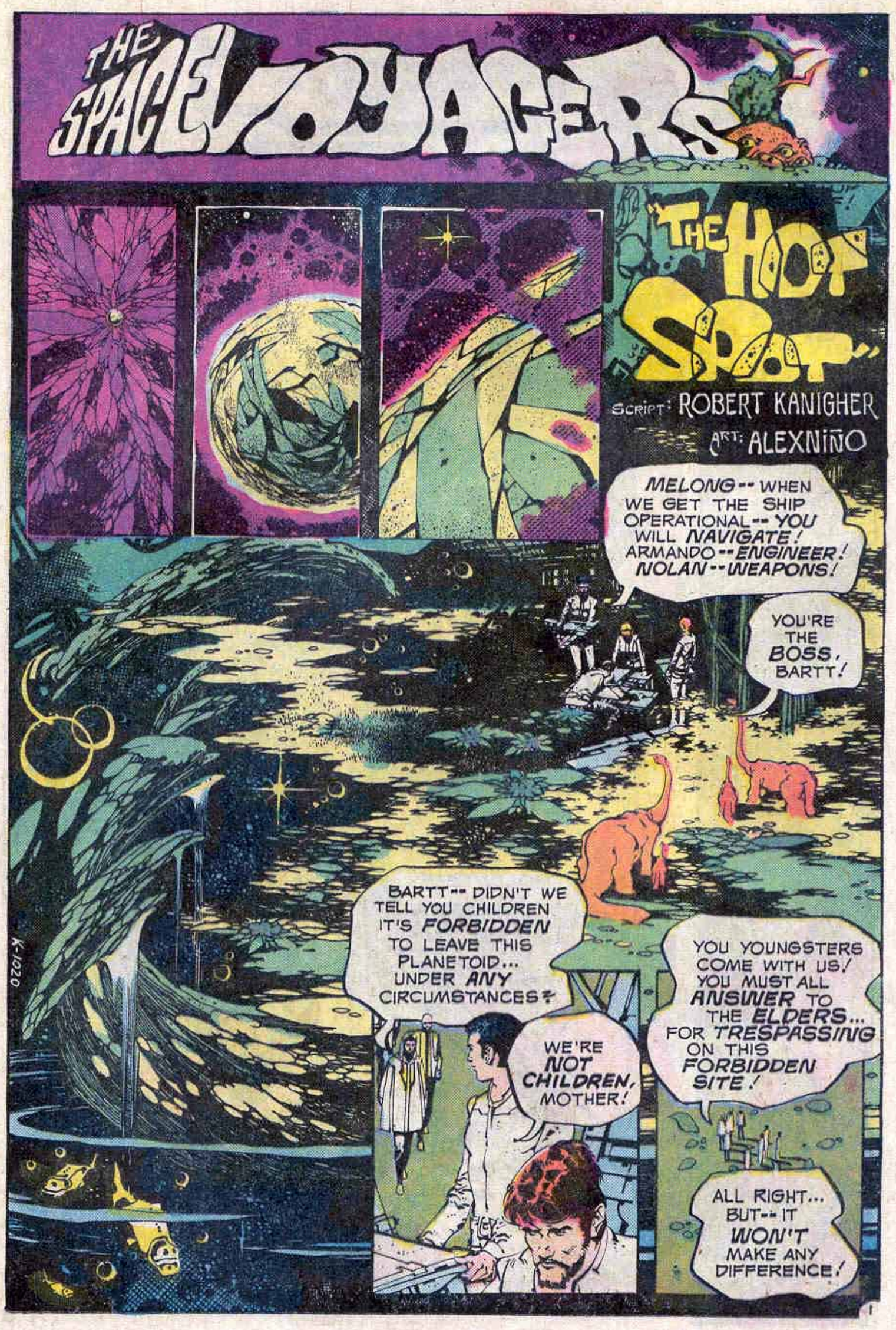
THE SPACE VOYAGERS
"THE HOOP SPOT"
SCRIPT: ROBERT KANIGHER
ART: ALEX NIÑO
MELONG -- WHEN WE GET THE SHIP OPERATIONAL -- YOU WILL NAVIGATE! ARMANDO -- ENGINEER! NOLAN -- WEAPONS!
YOU'RE THE BOSS, BARTT!
BARTT -- DIDN'T WE TELL YOU CHILDREN IT'S FORBIDDEN TO LEAVE THIS PLANETOID... UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES?
WE'RE NOT CHILDREN, MOTHER!
YOU YOUNGSTERS COME WITH US! YOU MUST ALL ANSWER TO THE ELDERS... FOR TRESPASSING ON THIS FORBIDDEN SITE!
ALL RIGHT... BUT -- IT WON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE!
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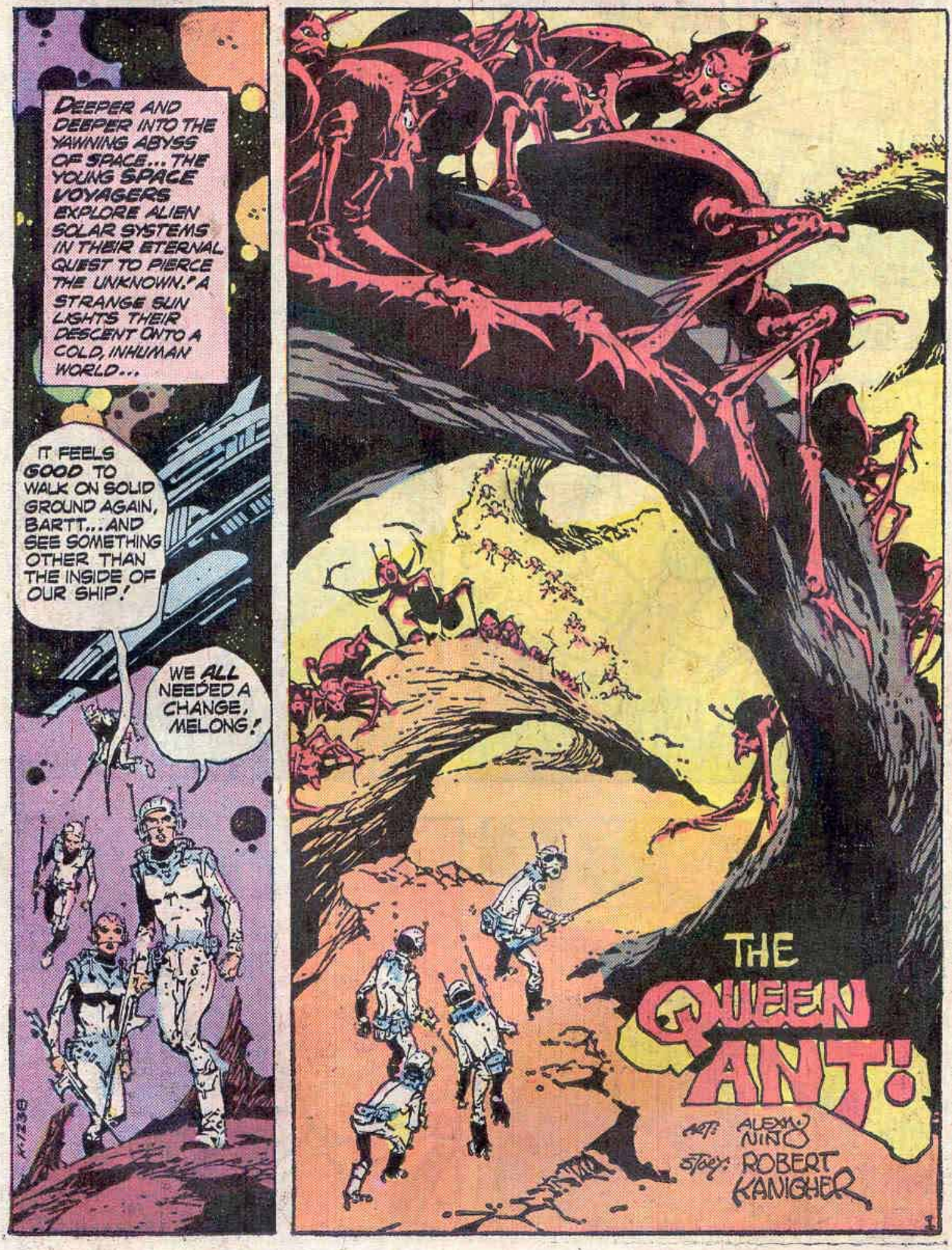
SPACE VOYAGERS


DEEPER AND DEEPER INTO THE YAWNING ABYSS OF SPACE... THE YOUNG SPACE VOYAGERS EXPLORE ALIEN SOLAR SYSTEMS IN THEIR ETERNAL QUEST TO PIERCE THE UNKNOWN! A STRANGE SUN LIGHTS THEIR DESCENT ONTO A COLD, INHUMAN WORLD...
IT FEELS GOOD TO WALK ON SOLID GROUND AGAIN, BARTT... AND SEE SOMETHING OTHER THAN THE INSIDE OF OUR SHIP!
WE ALL NEEDED A CHANGE, MELONG!
THE QUEEN ANT!
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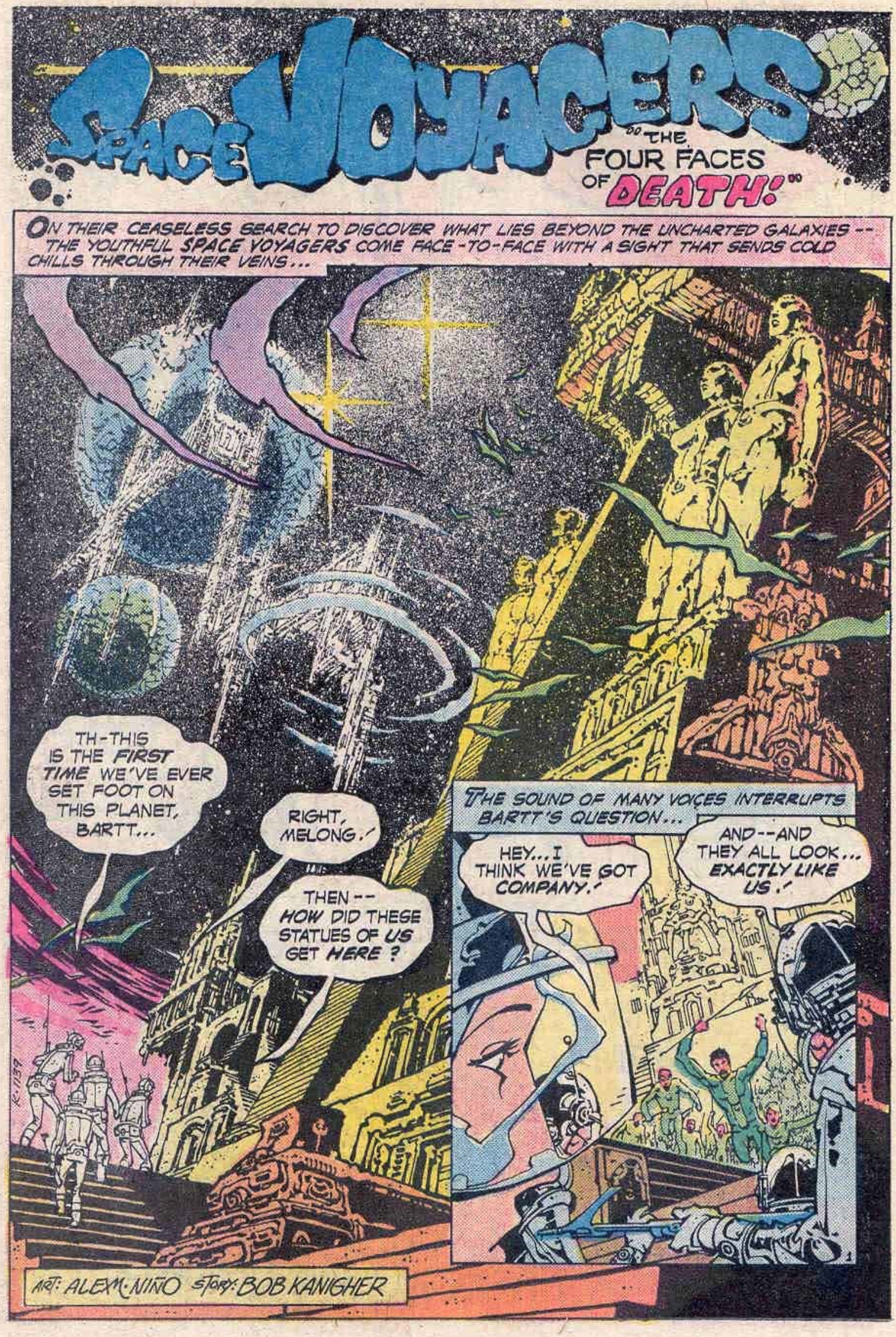
SPACE VOYAGERS
"THE FOUR FACES OF DEATH!"
ON THEIR CEASELESS SEARCH TO DISCOVER WHAT LIES BEYOND THE UNCHARTED GALAXIES -- THE YOUTHFUL SPACE VOYAGERS COME FACE-TO-FACE WITH A SIGHT THAT SENDS COLD CHILLS THROUGH THEIR VEINS...
TH-THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE EVER SET FOOT ON THIS PLANET, BARTT...
RIGHT, MELONG.!
THEN -- HOW DID THESE STATUES OF US GET HERE?
THE SOUND OF MANY VOICES INTERRUPTS BARTT'S QUESTION...
HEY... I THINK WE'VE GOT COMPANY.!
AND--AND THEY ALL LOOK... EXACTLY LIKE US.!
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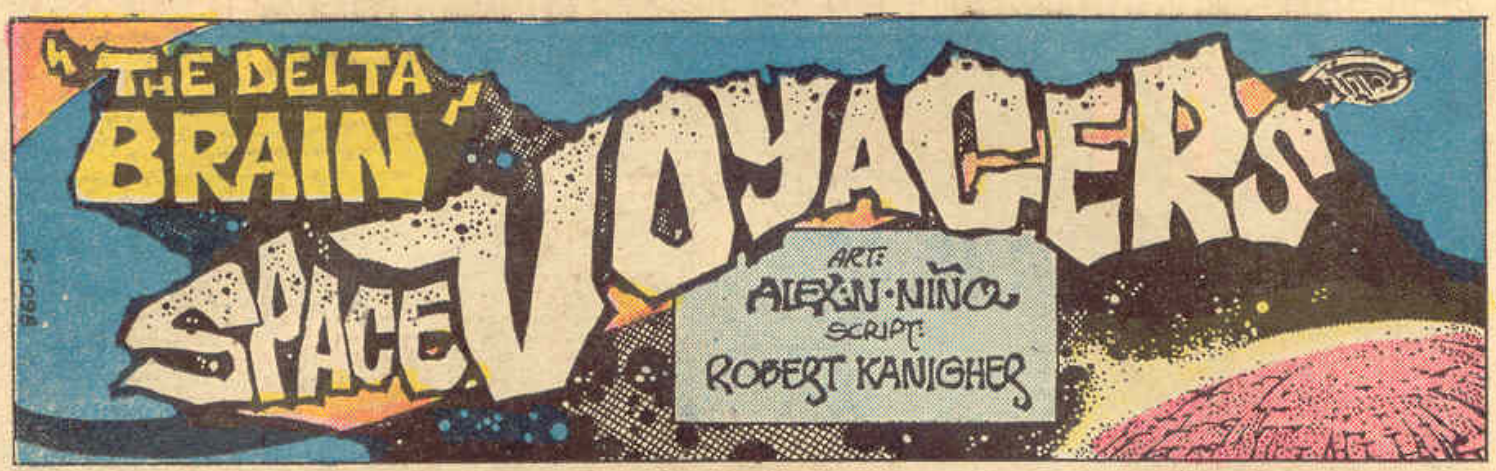
MANY, MANY YEARS AGO... BEFORE YOU WERE BORN... WE LIVED ON EARTH!
BUT - CIVILIZATION HAD BECOME A TIME-BOMB!
THE SEAS -- THE FORESTS -- THE SKIES -- EVEN THE AIR WAS POLLUTED!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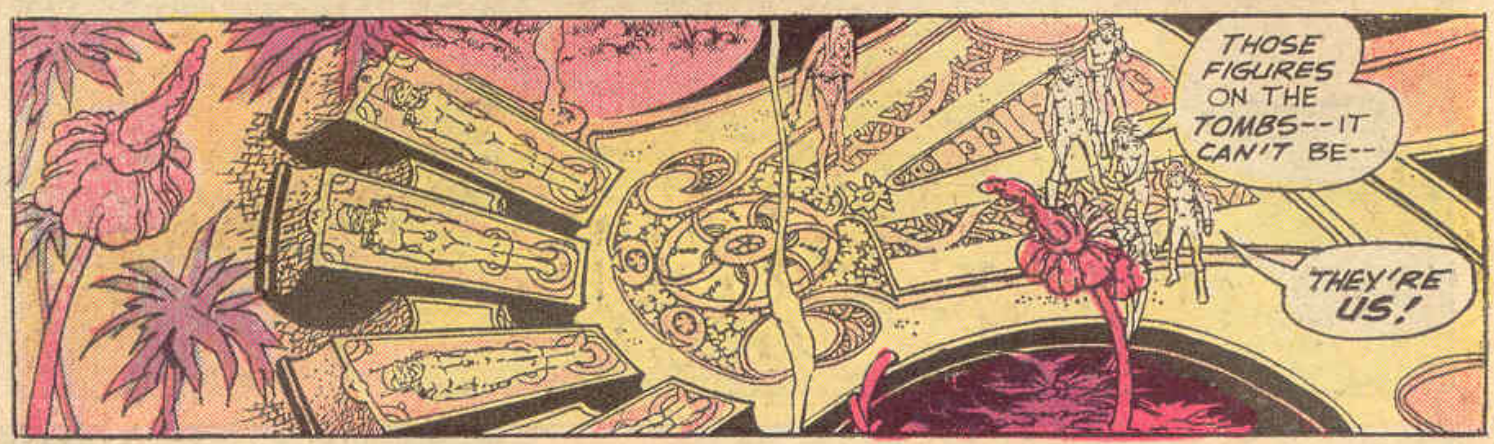
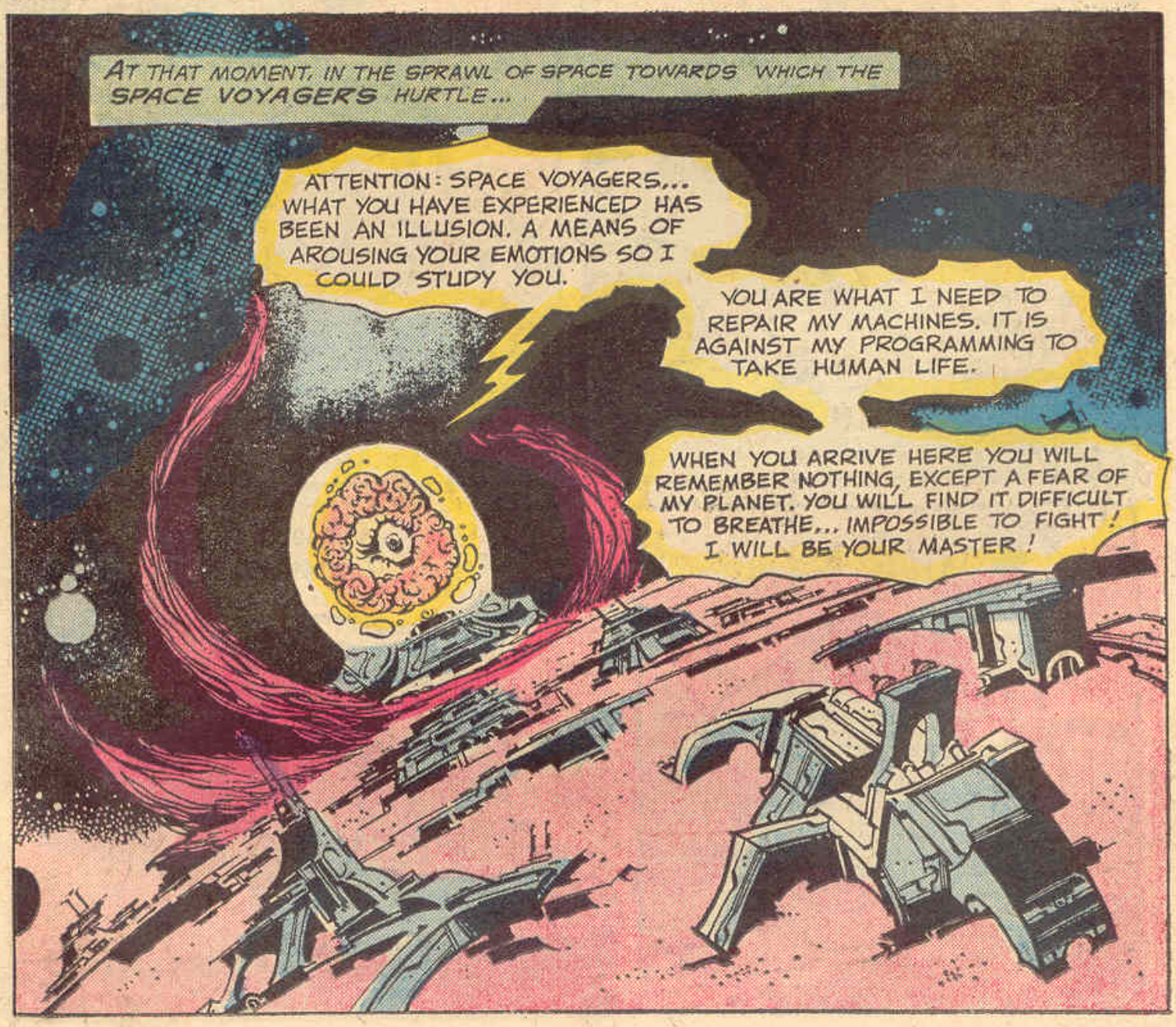
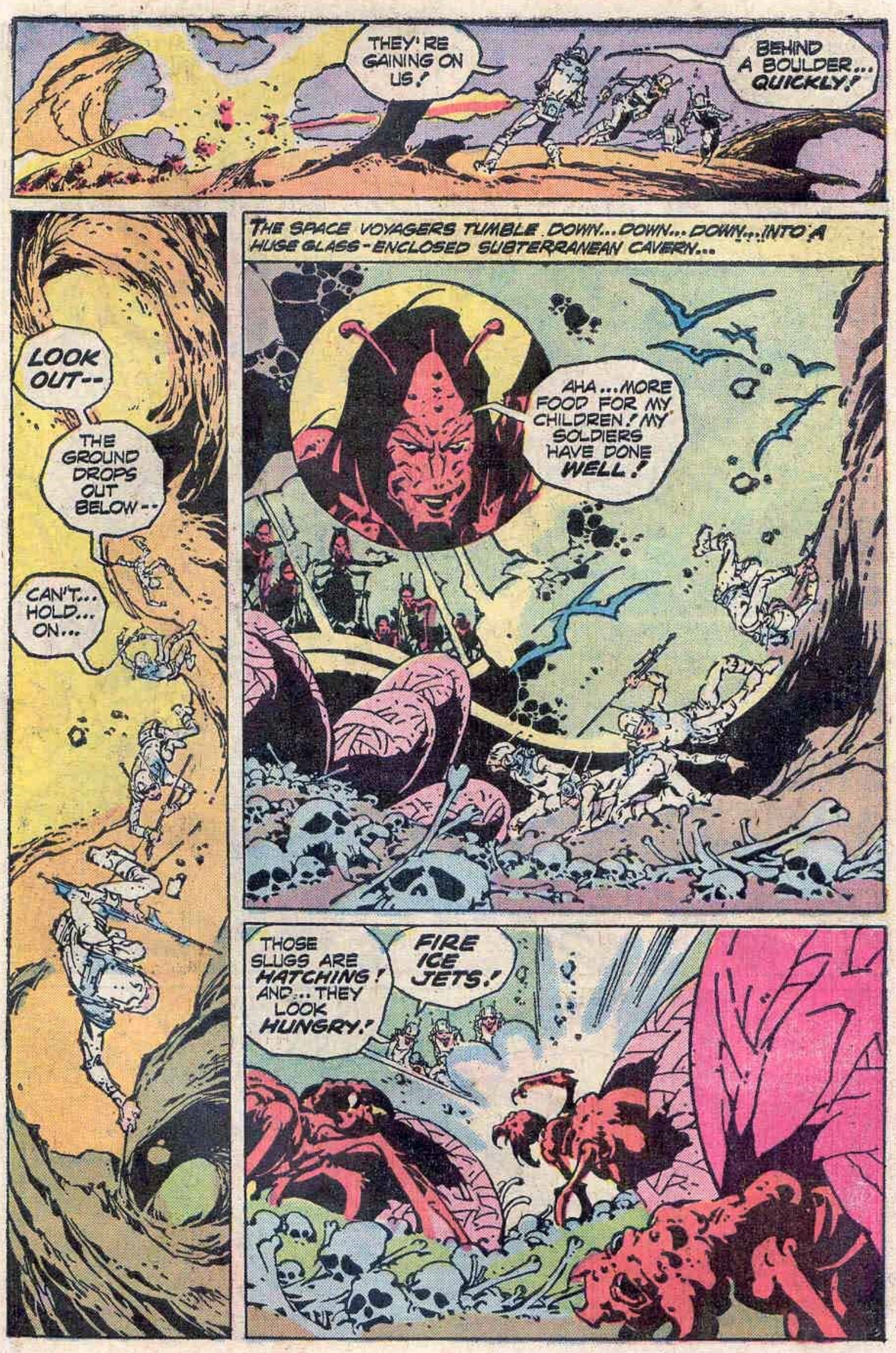

THOSE FIGURES ON THE TOMBS--IT CAN'T BE--
THEY'RE US!


AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE SPRAWL OF SPACE TOWARDS WHICH THE SPACE VOYAGERS HURTLE...
ATTENTION: SPACE VOYAGERS... WHAT YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED HAS BEEN AN ILLUSION. A MEANS OF AROUSING YOUR EMOTIONS SO I COULD STUDY YOU.
YOU ARE WHAT I NEED TO REPAIR MY MACHINES. IT IS AGAINST MY PROGRAMMING TO TAKE HUMAN LIFE.
WHEN YOU ARRIVE HERE YOU WILL REMEMBER NOTHING, EXCEPT A FEAR OF MY PLANET. YOU WILL FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BREATHE... IMPOSSIBLE TO FIGHT! I WILL BE YOUR MASTER!


THEY' RE GAINING ON US!
BEHIND A BOULDER... QUICKLY!
LOOK OUT--
THE GROUND DROPS OUT BELOW--
CAN'T... HOLD... ON...
THE SPACE VOYAGERS TUMBLE DOWN... DOWN... DOWN... INTO A HUGE GLASS-ENCLOSED SUBTERRANEAN CAVERN...
AHA... MORE FOOD FOR MY CHILDREN! MY SOLDIERS HAVE DONE WELL!
THOSE SLUGS ARE HATCHING! AND... THEY LOOK HUNGRY!
FIRE ICE JETS!

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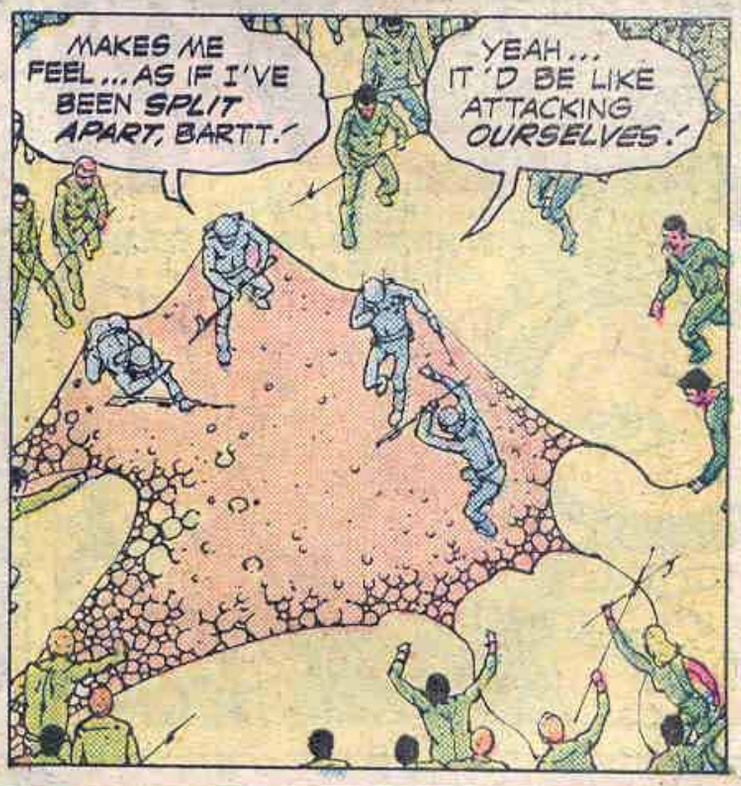
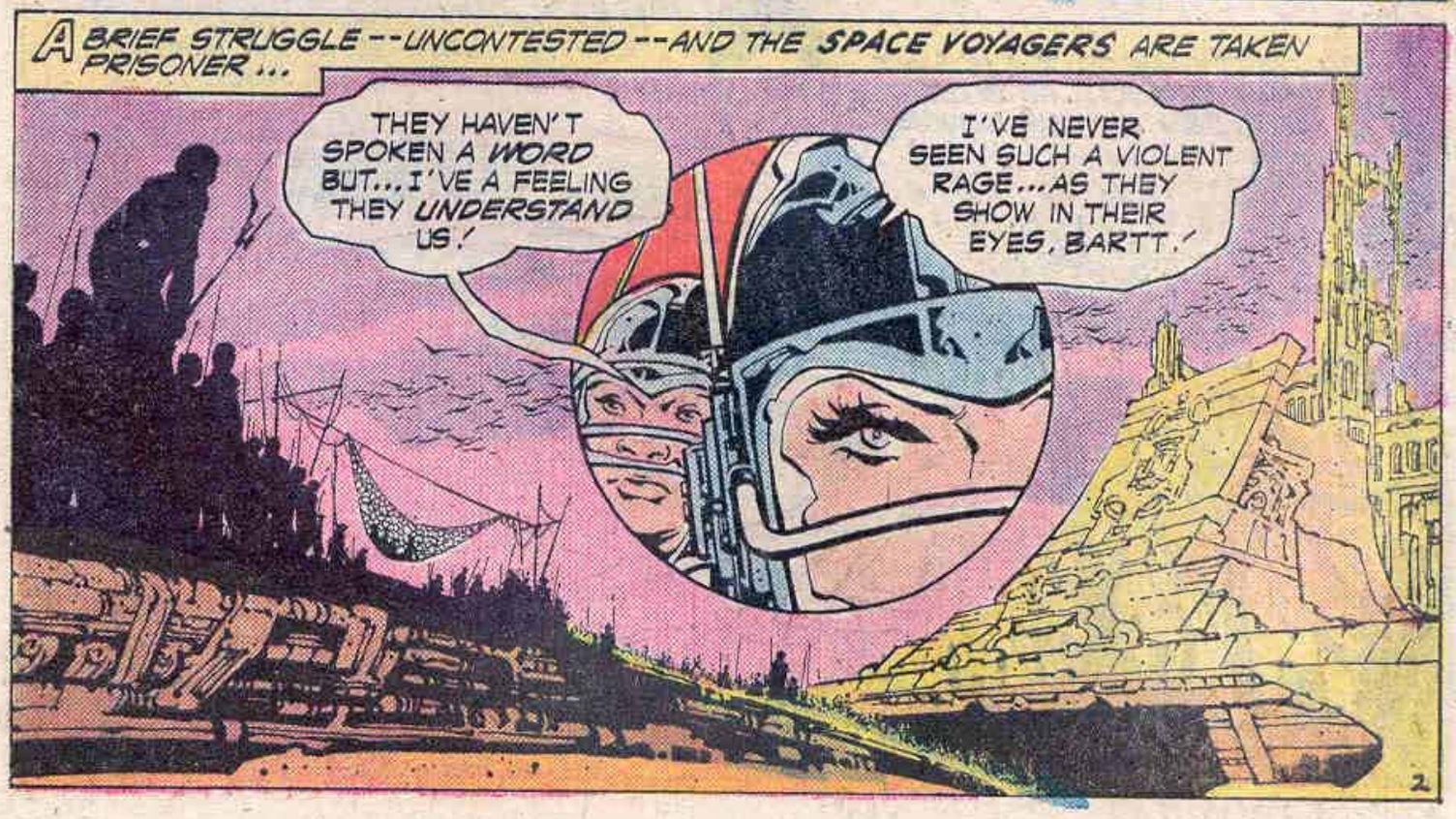
WATCH OUT.! THEY'RE COMING AROUND BEHIND US.!
THEY'RE TOSSING WIRE NETS.!
CAN'T -- GET OUT --OF THE WAY.!

I--I KNOW IT SOUNDS CRAZY-- BUT...
I CAN'T FIRE AT WHAT LOOKS LIKE MY OWN FACE.!


MAKES ME FEEL... AS IF I'VE BEEN SPLIT APART, BARTT.!
YEAH... IT'D BE LIKE ATTACKING OURSELVES.!


A BRIEF STRUGGLE --UNCONTESTED --AND THE SPACE VOYAGERS ARE TAKEN PRISONER...
THEY HAVEN'T SPOKEN A WORD BUT... I'VE A FEELING THEY UNDERSTAND US!
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A VIOLENT RAGE... AS THEY SHOW IN THEIR EYES, BARTT.!
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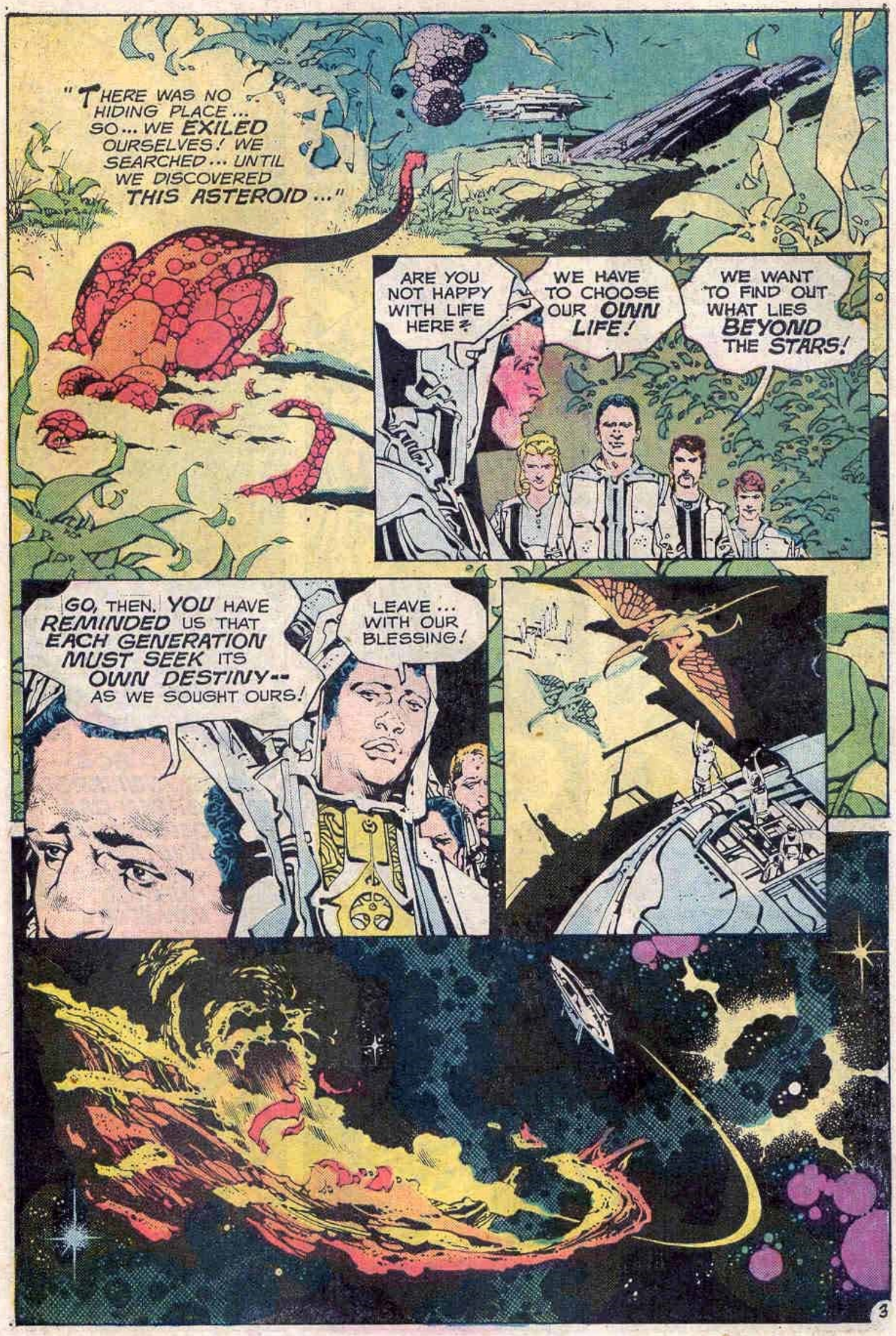
"THERE WAS NO HIDING PLACE... SO... WE EXILED OURSELVES! WE SEARCHED... UNTIL WE DISCOVERED THIS ASTEROID..."
ARE YOU NOT HAPPY WITH LIFE HERE?
WE HAVE TO CHOOSE OUR OWN LIFE!
WE WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT LIES BEYOND THE STARS!
GO, THEN. YOU HAVE REMINDED US THAT EACH GENERATION MUST SEEK ITS OWN DESTINY-- AS WE SOUGHT OURS!
LEAVE... WITH OUR BLESSING!
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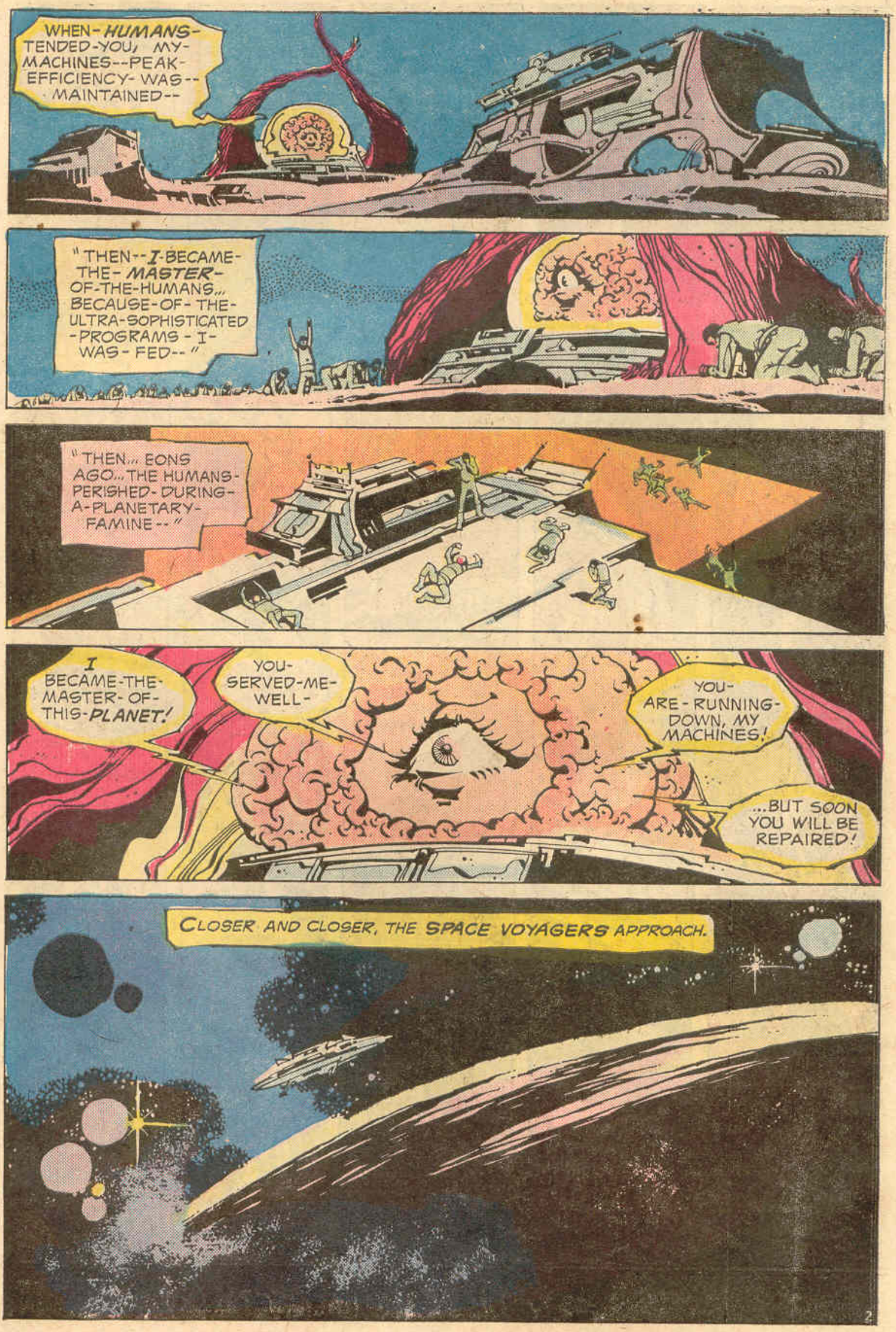
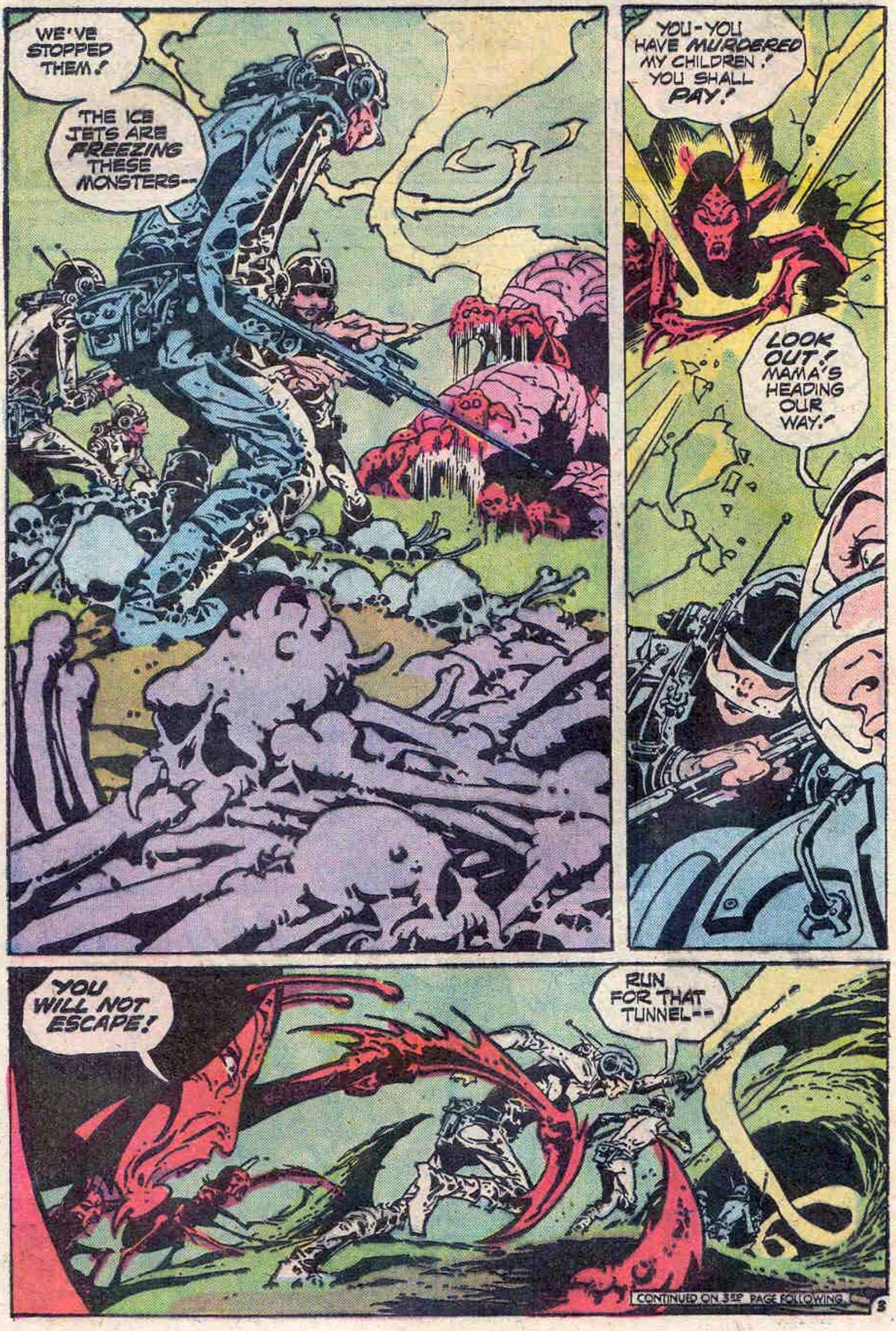

WHEN-HUMANS-TENDED-YOU, MY-MACHINES--PEAK-EFFICIENCY-WAS--MAINTAINED--
"THEN--I-BECAME-THE-MASTER-OF-THE-HUMANS... BECAUSE-OF-THE-ULTRA-SOPHISTICATED-PROGRAMS-I-WAS-FED--"
"THEN... EONS AGO... THE HUMANS-PERISHED-DURING-A-PLANETARY-FAMINE--"
I BECAME-THE-MASTER-OF-THIS-PLANET!
YOU-SERVED-ME-WELL-
YOU-ARE-RUNNING-DOWN, MY MACHINES!
...BUT SOON YOU WILL BE REPAIRED!
CLOSER AND CLOSER, THE SPACE VOYAGERS APPROACH.


WE'VE STOPPED THEM!
THE ICE JETS ARE FREEZING THESE MONSTERS--
YOU-YOU HAVE MURDERED MY CHILDREN! YOU SHALL PAY!
LOOK OUT! MAMA'S HEADING OUR WAY!
YOU WILL NOT ESCAPE!
RUN FOR THAT TUNNEL--
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THE CAPTIVE SPACE VOYAGERS ARE CARRIED TO A FAMILIAR SITE...
I KNOW TH-THIS ISN'T EARTH...BUT THESE RUINS ARE THE YANKEE STADIUM!
MAYBE... WE'RE ON A PARALLEL EARTH?
A PARALLEL EARTH WOULD ACCOUNT FOR A SINGLE DUPLICATION OF EVERYTHING.
BUT...HOW DID THIS MASS DUPLICATION OF OURSELVES OCCUR?
DO NOT TRY TO DECEIVE US!
WE KNOW WHO YOU ARE!
AT LAST...YOU HAVE RETURNED... TO DIE!
YOU FIRST CAME TO OUR PLANET CENTURIES AGO...WE BUILT STATUES IN YOUR HONOR!
"THEN CAME THE SNEAK NUCLEAR ATTACK FROM AN OUTER GALACTIAN INVADER THAT DEVASTATED OUR PLANET!"
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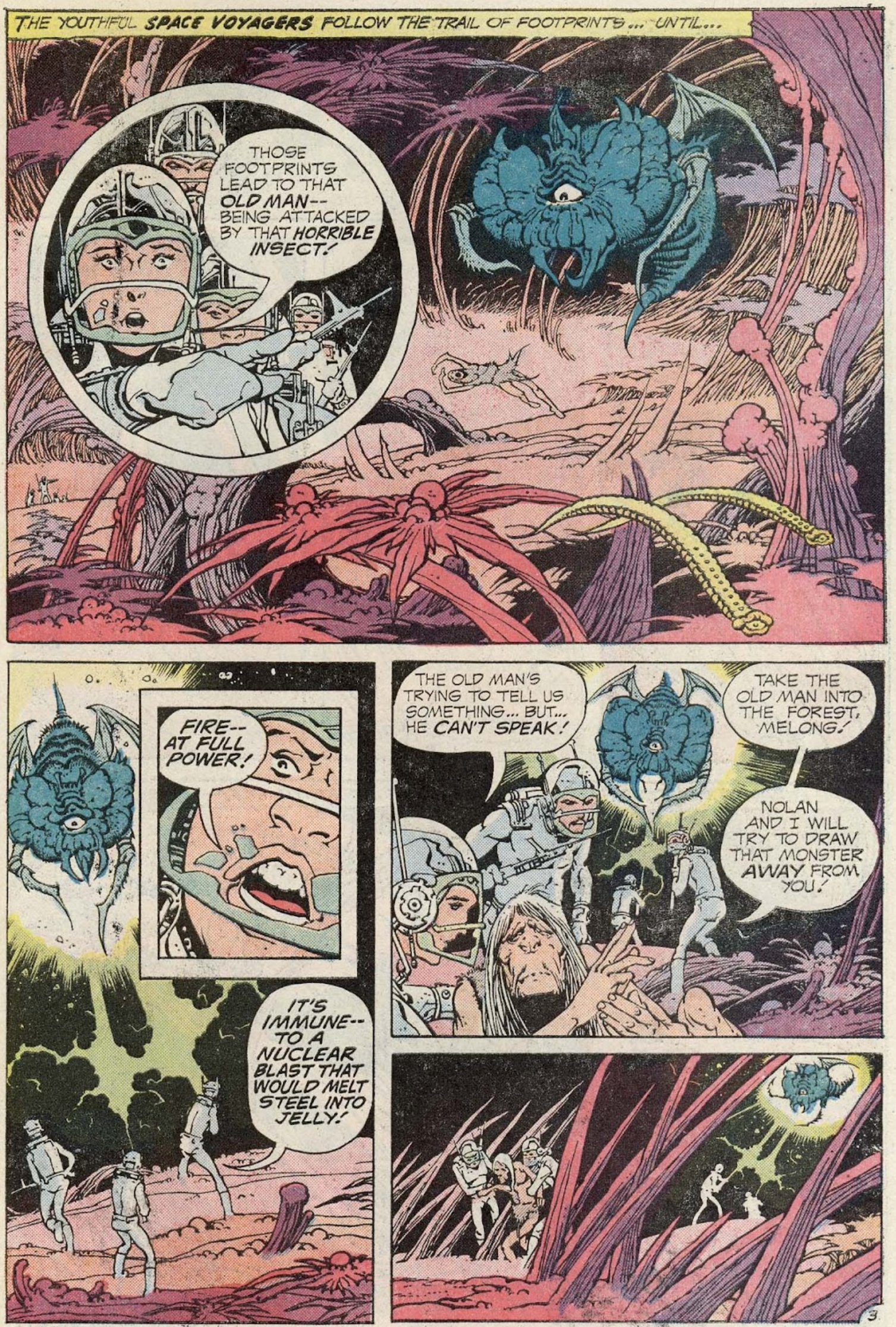
THE YOUTHFUL SPACE VOYAGERS FOLLOW THE TRAIL OF FOOTPRINTS... UNTIL...
THOSE FOOTPRINTS LEAD TO THAT OLD MAN-- BEING ATTACKED BY THAT HORRIBLE INSECT!
FIRE-- AT FULL POWER!
IT'S IMMUNE-- TO A NUCLEAR BLAST THAT WOULD MELT STEEL INTO JELLY!
THE OLD MAN'S TRYING TO TELL US SOMETHING... BUT... HE CAN'T SPEAK!
TAKE THE OLD MAN INTO THE FOREST, MELONG!
NOLAN AND I WILL TRY TO DRAW THAT MONSTER AWAY FROM YOU!

STARDRIVE! PUT 'ER INTO OVERDRIVE!
DEEP SPACE!
IT LOOKS SO... VAST!
MAKES ME FEEL... SO LITTLE!
YEAH--- LIKE ANTS!
SOS COMING THROUGH ON SHIP'S ASTRAL DECODER-- FROM THAT STAR CLUSTER IN C-416-038!
SOS-- SOS-- UNIVERSE! GREEN CAP DESTROYING PLANETOID ARCTUS! WITHOUT IMMEDIATE POLAR SHIFT- ALL LIFE HERE DOOMED!.. ...SOS... UNIVERSE!
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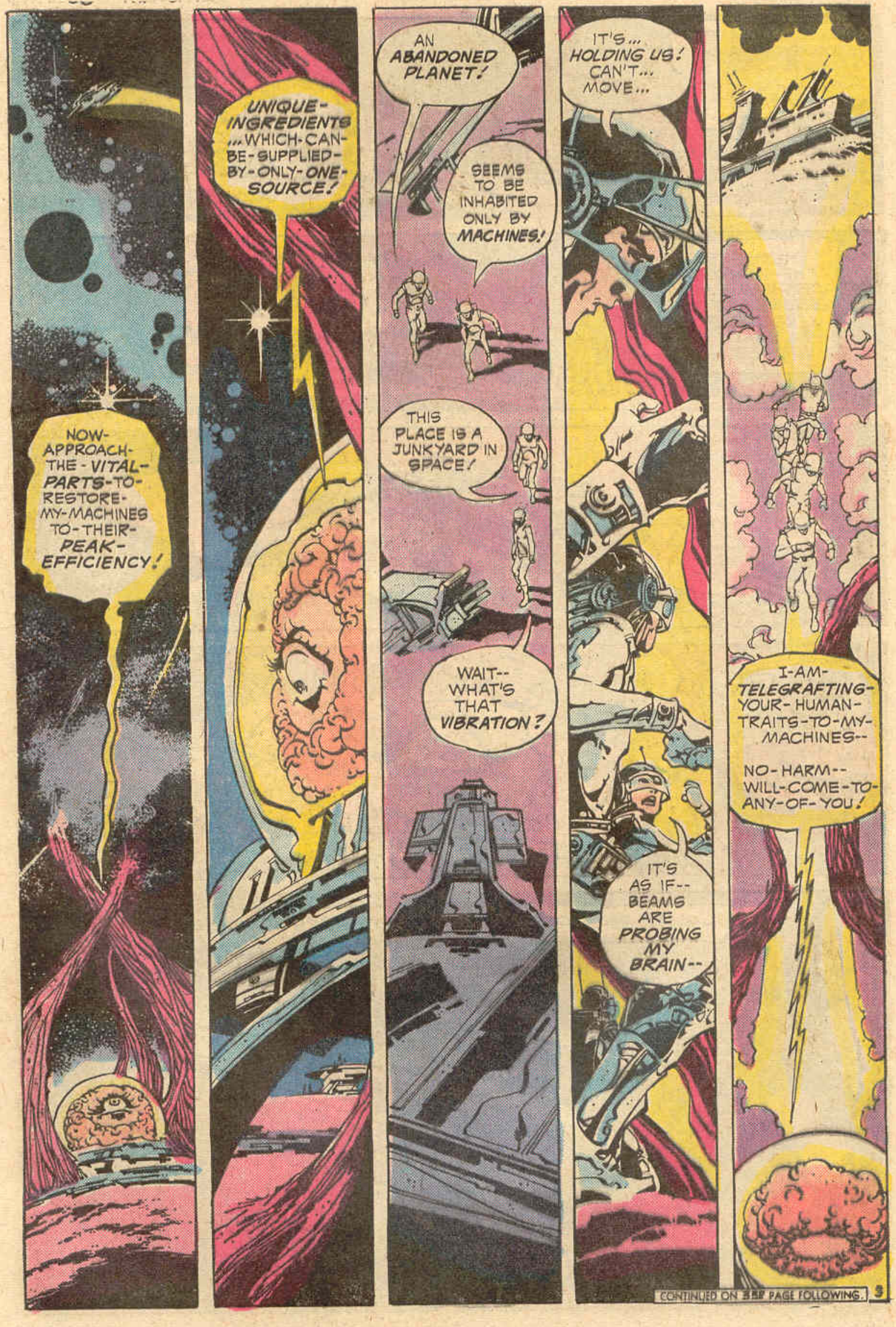
NOW-APPROACH-THE-VITAL-PARTS-TO-RESTORE-MY-MACHINES TO-THEIR-PEAK-EFFICIENCY!
UNIQUE-INGREDIENTS ...WHICH-CAN-BE-SUPPLIED-BY-ONLY-ONE-SOURCE!
AN ABANDONED PLANET!
SEEMS TO BE INHABITED ONLY BY MACHINES!
THIS PLACE IS A JUNKYARD IN SPACE!
WAIT-- WHAT'S THAT VIBRATION?
IT'S... HOLDING US! CAN'T... MOVE...
IT'S AS IF-- BEAMS ARE PROBING MY BRAIN--
I-AM-TELEGRAFTING-YOUR-HUMAN-TRAITS-TO-MY-MACHINES--
NO-HARM-- WILL-COME-TO-ANY-OF-YOU!

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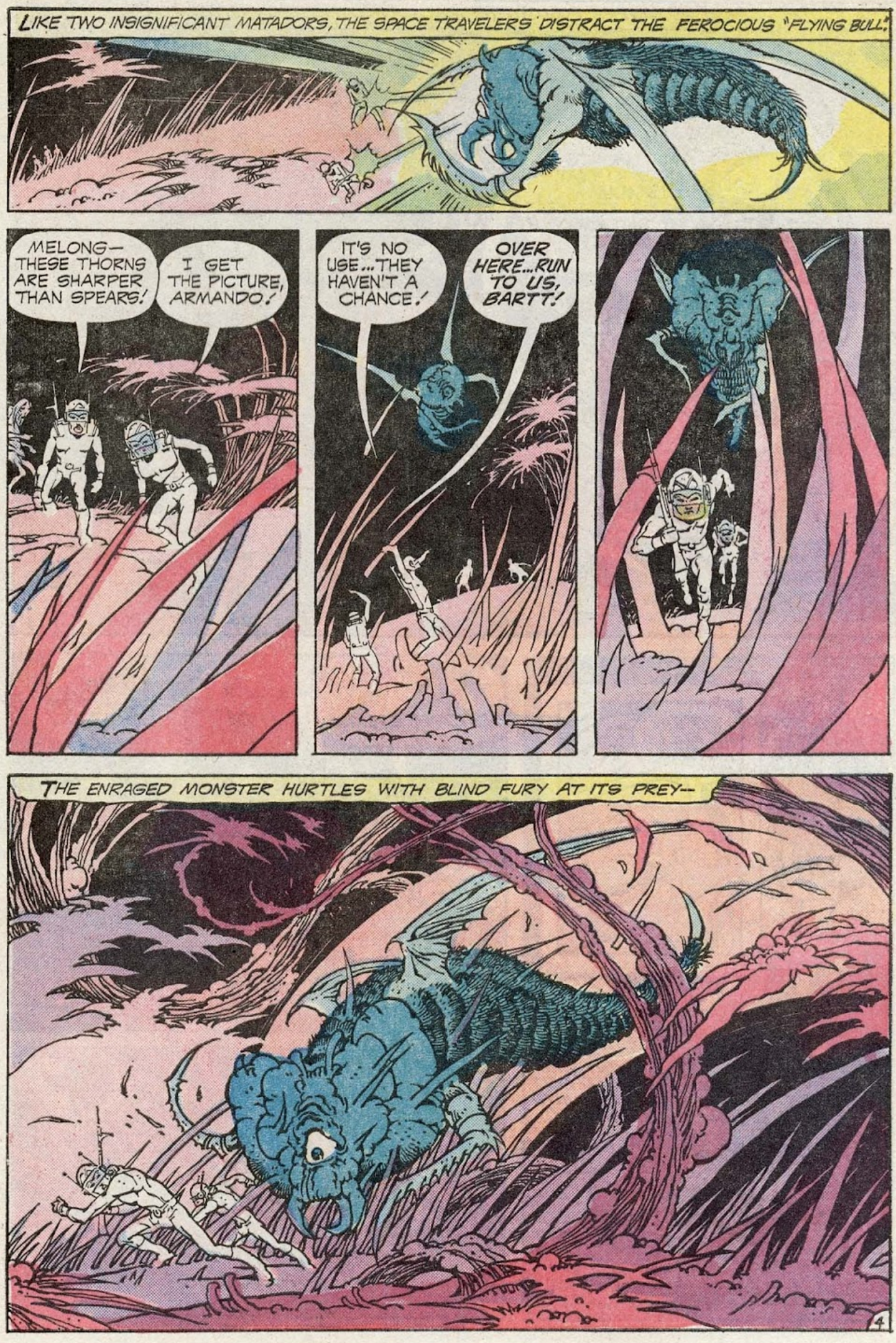
LIKE TWO INSIGNIFICANT MATADORS, THE SPACE TRAVELERS DISTRACT THE FEROCIOUS "FLYING BULL."
MELONG— THESE THORNS ARE SHARPER THAN SPEARS!
I GET THE PICTURE, ARMANDO!
IT'S NO USE...THEY HAVEN'T A CHANCE!
OVER HERE...RUN TO US, BARTT!
THE ENRAGED MONSTER HURTLES WITH BLIND FURY AT ITS PREY--
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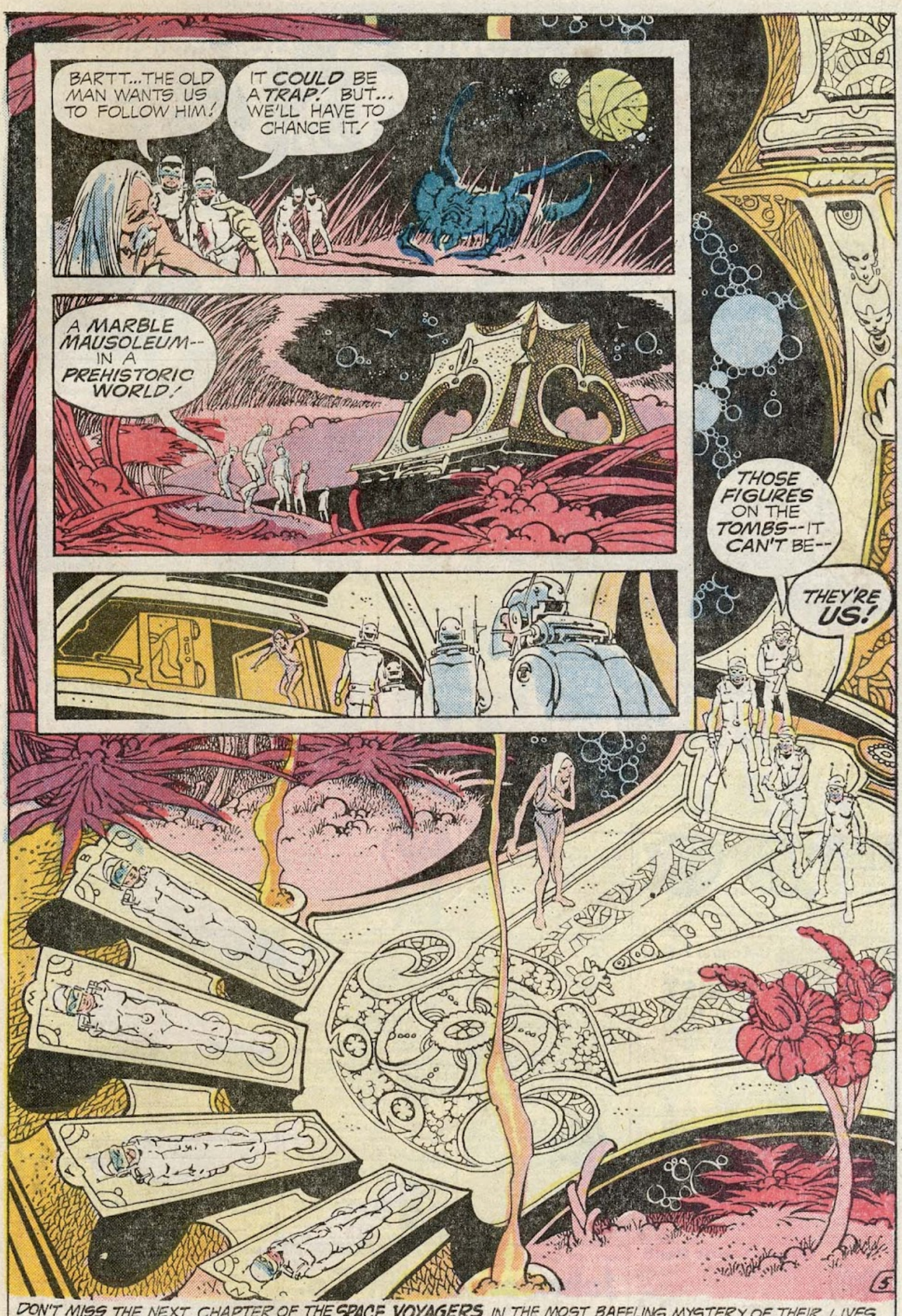
BART T...THE OLD MAN WANTS US TO FOLLOW HIM!
IT COULD BE A TRAP! BUT... WE'LL HAVE TO CHANCE IT!
A MARBLE MAUSOLEUM-- IN A PREHISTORIC WORLD!
THOSE FIGURES ON THE TOMBS--IT CAN'T BE--
THEY'RE US!
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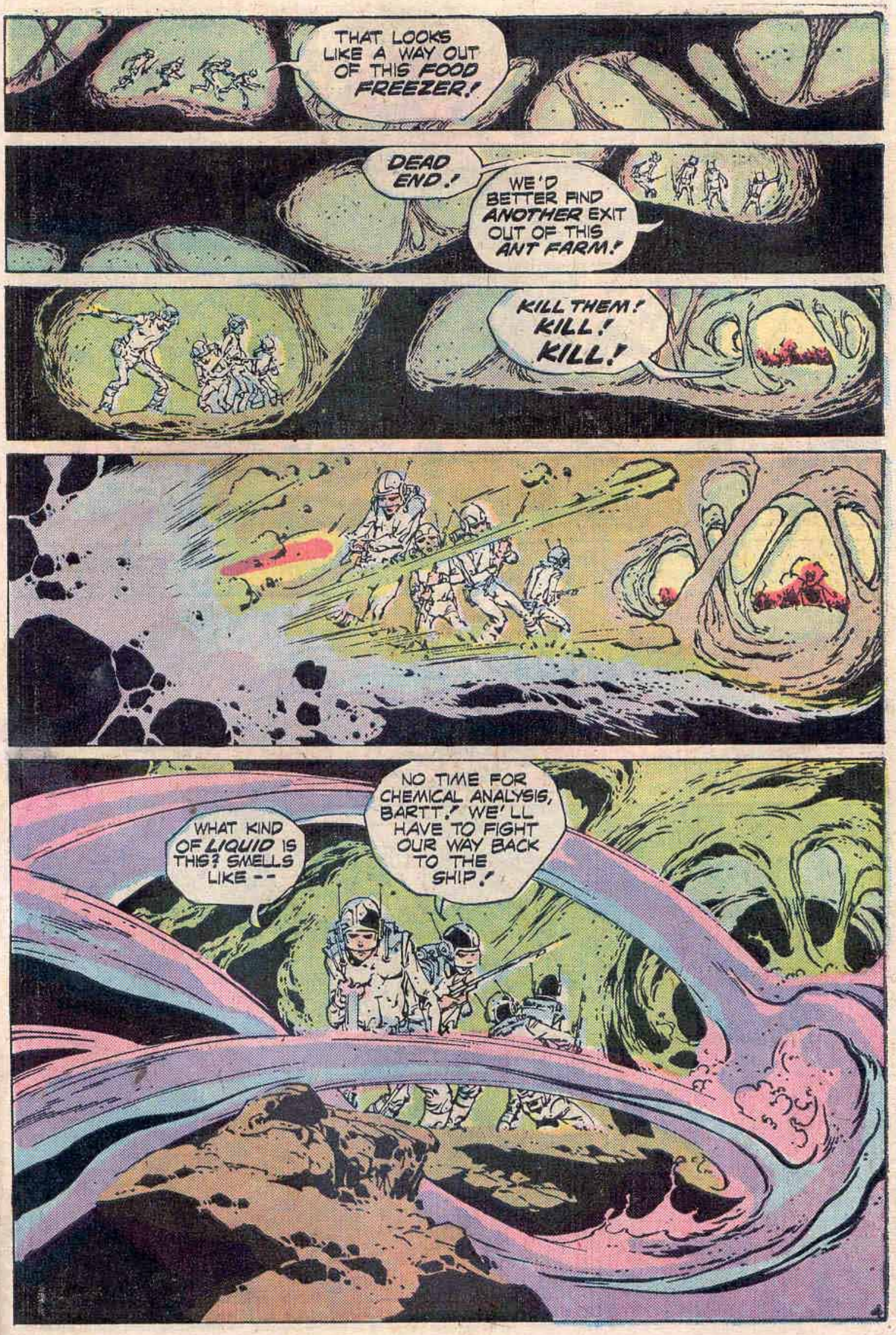
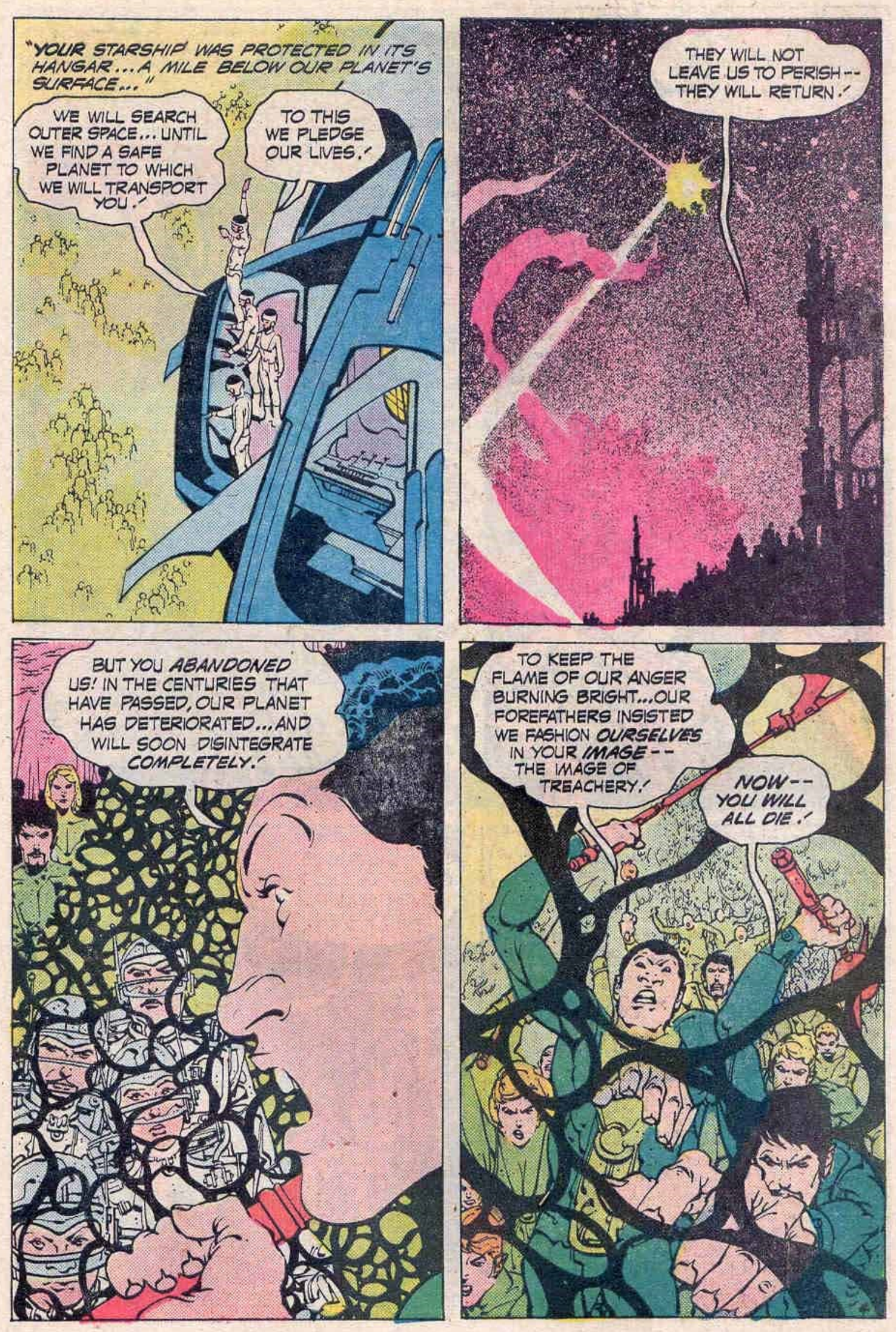
DON'T MISS THE NEXT CHAPTER OF THE **SPACE VOYAGERS** IN THE MOST BAFFLING MYSTERY OF THEIR LIVES.

NEXT ISSUE ON SALE DURING THE SECOND WEEK IN MARCH


THAT LOOKS LIKE A WAY OUT OF THIS FOOD FREEZER!
DEAD END!
WE'D BETTER FIND ANOTHER EXIT OUT OF THIS ANT FARM!
KILL THEM! KILL! KILL!
WHAT KIND OF LIQUID IS THIS? SMELLS LIKE --
NO TIME FOR CHEMICAL ANALYSIS, BARTT! WE'LL HAVE TO FIGHT OUR WAY BACK TO THE SHIP!


"YOUR STARSHIP WAS PROTECTED IN ITS HANGAR... A MILE BELOW OUR PLANET'S SURFACE..."
WE WILL SEARCH OUTER SPACE... UNTIL WE FIND A SAFE PLANET TO WHICH WE WILL TRANSPORT YOU.!
TO THIS WE PLEDGE OUR LIVES.!
THEY WILL NOT LEAVE US TO PERISH -- THEY WILL RETURN.!
BUT YOU ABANDONED US! IN THE CENTURIES THAT HAVE PASSED, OUR PLANET HAS DETERIORATED... AND WILL SOON DISINTEGRATE COMPLETELY.!
TO KEEP THE FLAME OF OUR ANGER BURNING BRIGHT... OUR FOREFATHERS INSISTED WE FASHION OURSELVES IN YOUR IMAGE -- THE IMAGE OF TREACHERY.!
NOW -- YOU WILL ALL DIE.!

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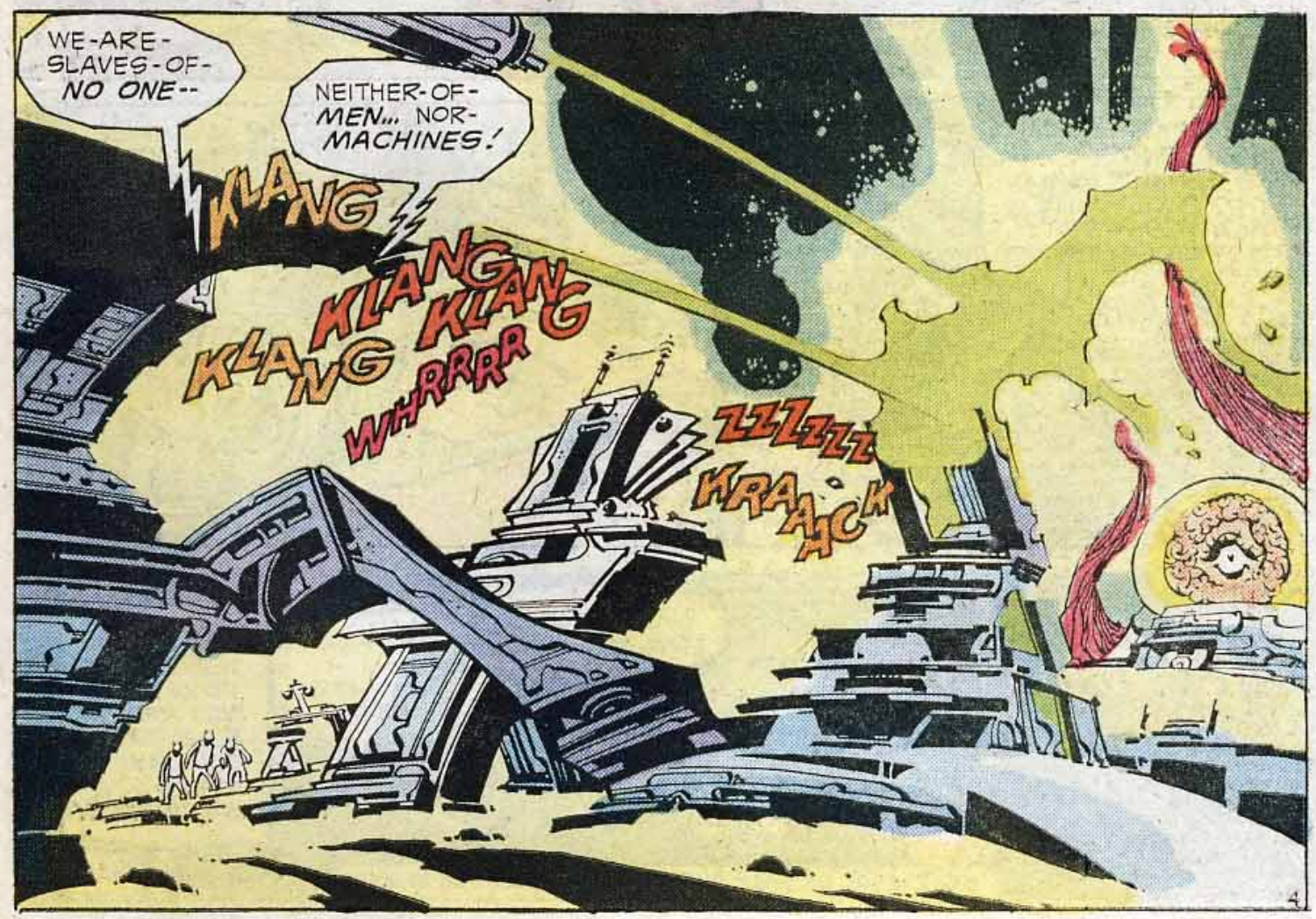
SOS-- ANYBODY IN THE UNIVERSE!
THERE'S THE SOS AGAIN!
AND... WE ARE PART OF THE UNIVERSE... ARE WE NOT?
SI!
THEN... LET'S GO!
PLANETOID ARCTUS AHEAD!
DATA?
GREEN CAP'S THERMAL INTENSITY CAUSING CRITICAL SHIFT IN NORMAL ARCTIC TEMPERATURE -- THREATENING ALL LIFE FORMS!
WE MUST DESTROY THAT GREEN CAP... BEFORE IT SPREADS! RECOMMENDATION?
HYPER AMMONIA SATURATION BOMBARDMENT!
THE GREEN CAP IS DISINTEGRATING! PREPARE TO LAND!
I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO MEET THE ARCTUSIANS!

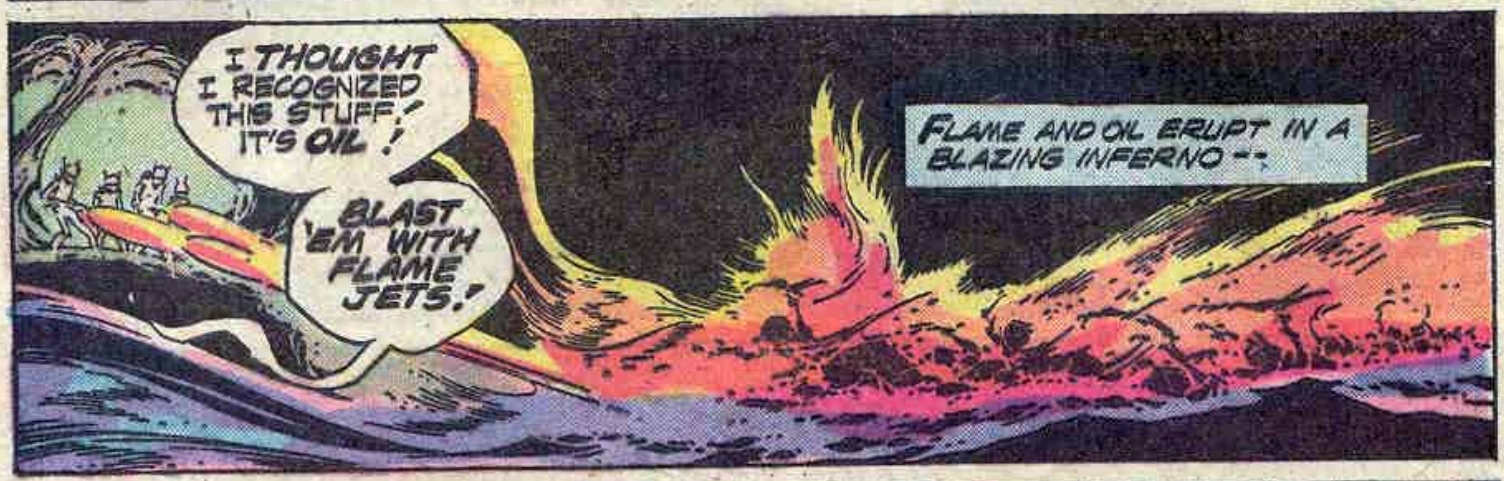
IS THIS WHAT LIES BEYOND THE FARTHEST STAR?
MACHINES... THE MASTERS OF HUMANS?

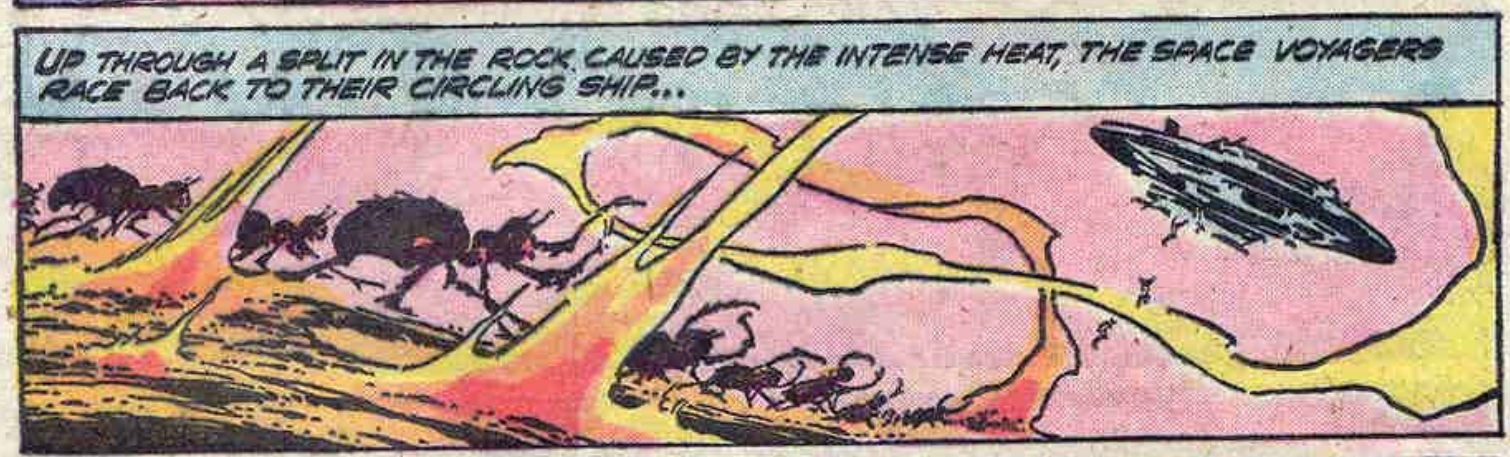
THIS... CAN'T BE THE END!
THAT BEAM... HAS US LOCKED!
BREATHING... IS BECOMING... DIFFICULT...
ARMS... LEGS... GETTING NUMB...

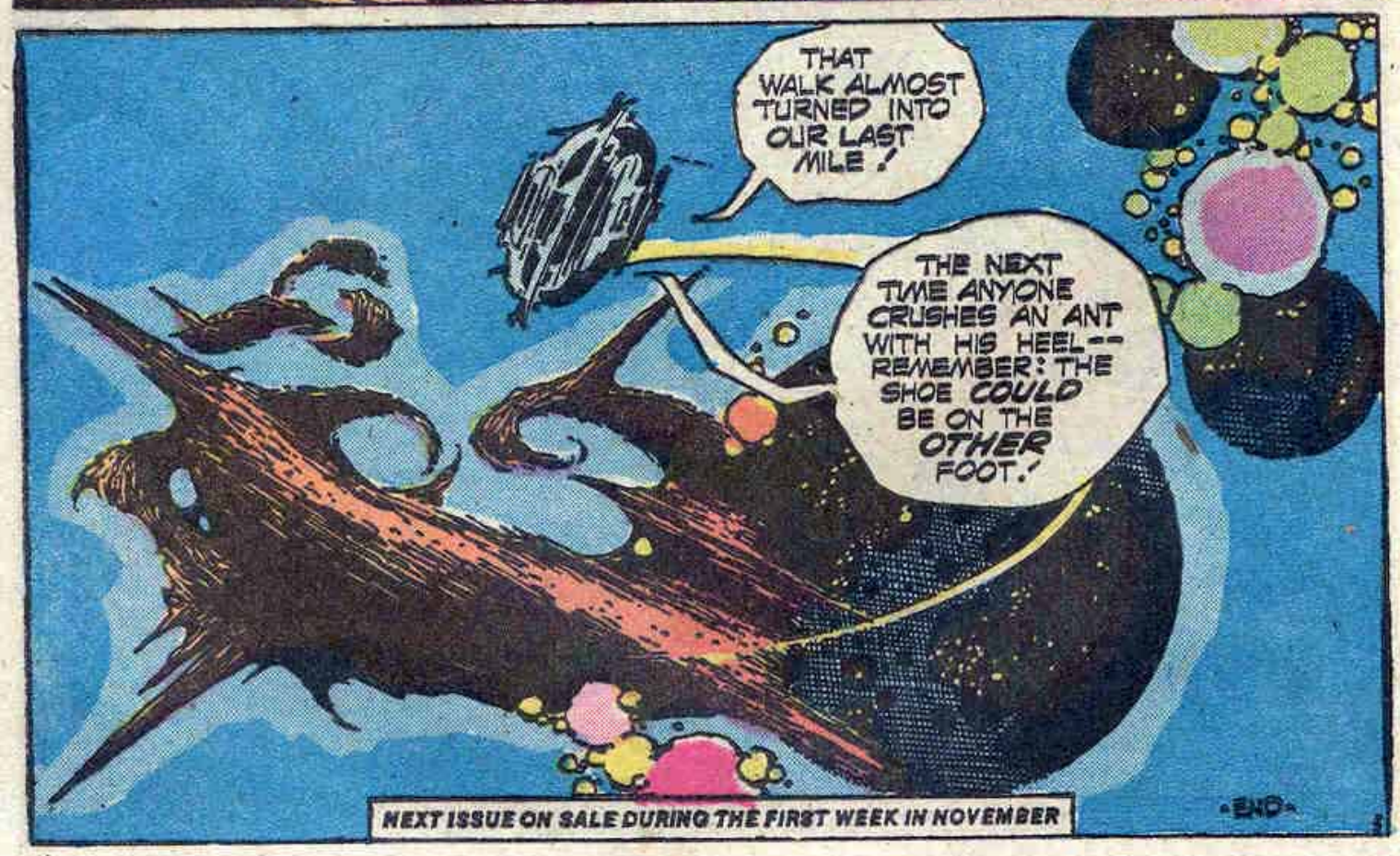
WHAT-IS-THIS--?
STAY--IN-YOUR-PLACES!
YOU-ARE THE-SLAVES-OF-MY-DELTA WILL!


WE-ARE-SLAVES-OF-NO ONE--
NEITHER-OF-MEN... NOR-MACHINES!
KLANG
KLANG KLANG KLANG
WHRRRR
ZZZZZZ
KRAACK

THIS LIQUID WILL NOT STOP US.!
YOUR CORPSES WILL FEED MY NEXT BROOD.!


I THOUGHT I RECOGNIZED THIS STUFF.! IT'S OIL !
BLAST 'EM WITH FLAME JETS.!
FLAME AND OIL ERUPT IN A BLAZING INFERNO --


UP THROUGH A SPLIT IN THE ROCK, CAUSED BY THE INTENSE HEAT, THE SPACE VOYAGERS RACE BACK TO THEIR CIRCLING SHIP...


THAT WALK ALMOST TURNED INTO OUR LAST MILE !
THE NEXT TIME ANYONE CRUSHES AN ANT WITH HIS HEEL -- REMEMBER: THE SHOE COULD BE ON THE OTHER FOOT.!
NEXT ISSUE ON SALE DURING THE FIRST WEEK IN NOVEMBER
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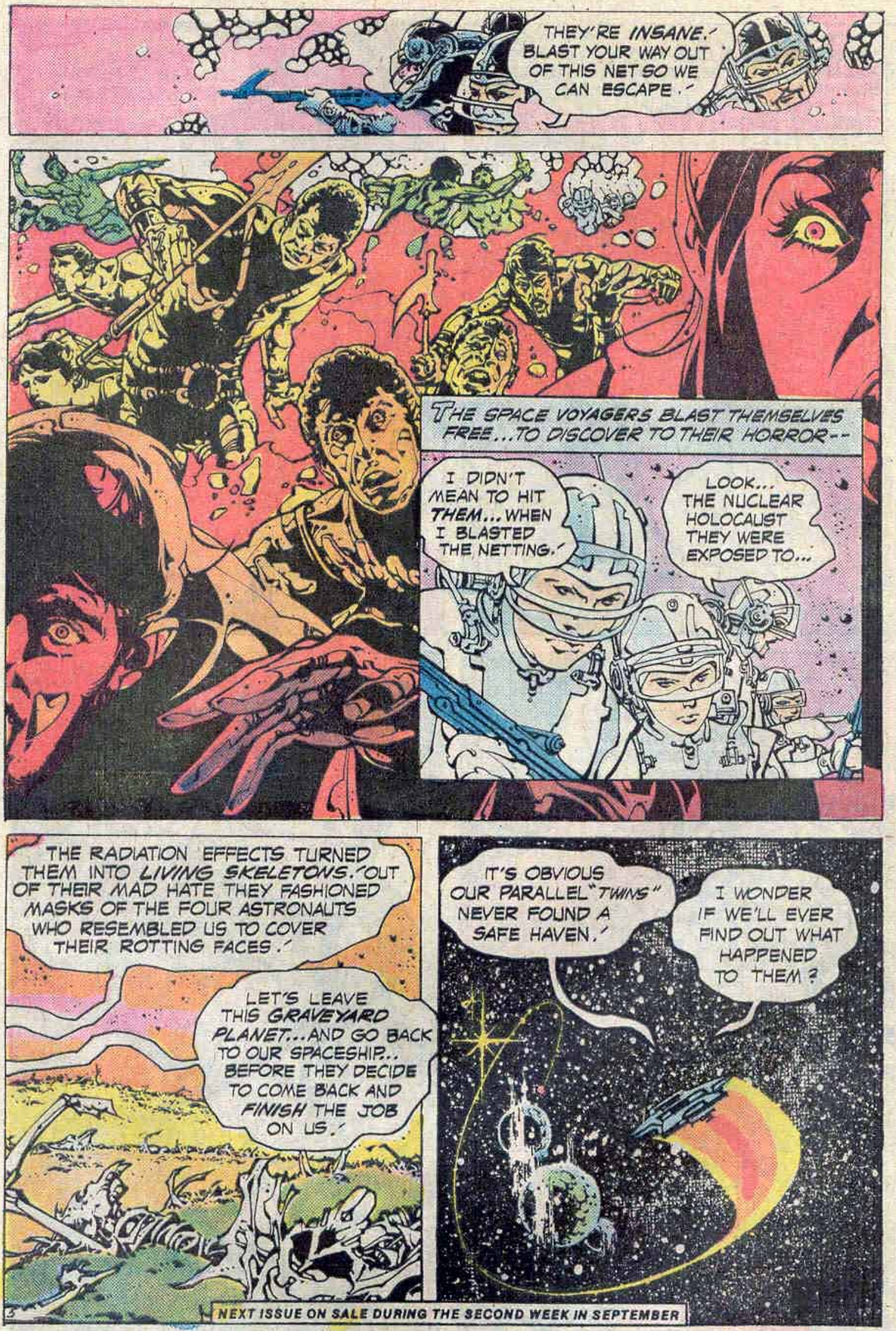
THEY'RE INSANE! BLAST YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS NET SO WE CAN ESCAPE!
THE SPACE VOYAGERS BLAST THEMSELVES FREE...TO DISCOVER TO THEIR HORROR--
I DIDN'T MEAN TO HIT THEM... WHEN I BLASTED THE NETTING!
LOOK... THE NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST THEY WERE EXPOSED TO...
THE RADIATION EFFECTS TURNED THEM INTO LIVING SKELETONS! OUT OF THEIR MAD HATE THEY FASHIONED MASKS OF THE FOUR ASTRONAUTS WHO RESEMBLED US TO COVER THEIR ROTTING FACES!
LET'S LEAVE THIS GRAVEYARD PLANET... AND GO BACK TO OUR SPACESHIP... BEFORE THEY DECIDE TO COME BACK AND FINISH THE JOB ON US!
IT'S OBVIOUS OUR PARALLEL "TWINS" NEVER FOUND A SAFE HAVEN!
I WONDER IF WE'LL EVER FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?
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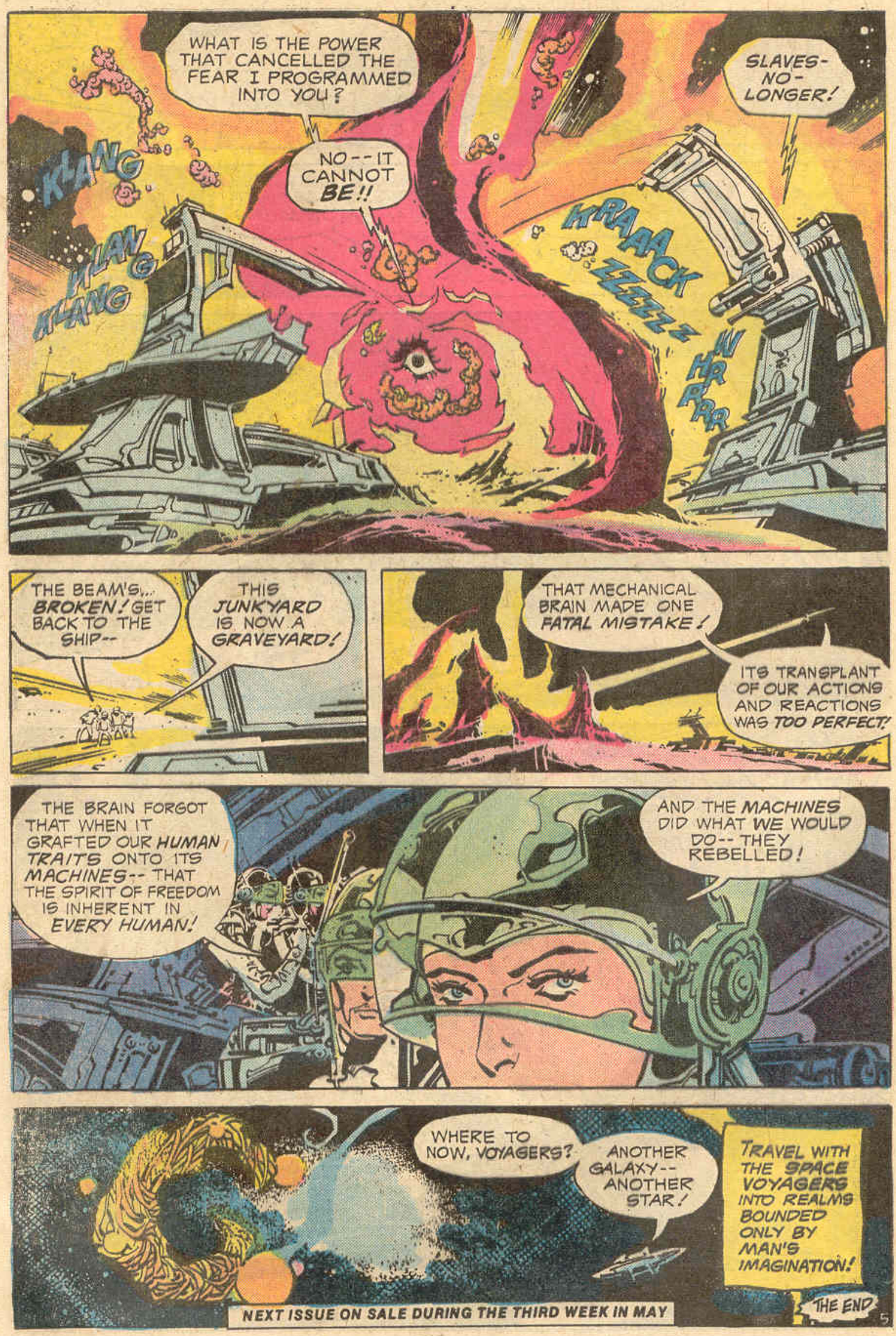
NEXT ISSUE ON SALE DURING THE SECOND WEEK IN SEPTEMBER

TH-THE ARCTUSIANS WANT TO THANK US-- TO SHAKE OUR H-HANDS_
IF W-WE DON'T SHAKE OURSELVES LOOSE -- WE'LL BE FROZEN STIFF!

TH-THE ARCTUSIANS DON'T REALIZE THEIR TOUCH WILL FREEZE US TO D-DEATH!

P-PREPARE TO BLAST OFF... IMMEDIATELY!

I H-HOPE THE ARCTUSIANS KNOW WHY WE'RE NOT STAYING FOR DINNER!
STRANGE! IN SAVING ARCTUS -- WE MADE IT FATAL FOR US TO EVEN TOUCH THE VERY PEOPLE WE AIDED! I WONDER WHAT KIND OF SITUATION WE'LL BE FACING NEXT?
OUR JOURNEY IS JUST BEGINNING -- WE SHALL SEE!
THE END
WHO CAN TELL WHAT STRANGE WORLD THE WANDERING SPACE VOYAGERS WILL VISIT NEXT? BE SURE TO READ THEIR NEXT THRILLING ADVENTURE... IN EVERY ISSUE OF RIMA THE JUNGLE GIRL!


WHAT IS THE POWER THAT CANCELLED THE FEAR I PROGRAMMED INTO YOU?
NO--IT CANNOT BE!!
SLAVES-NO-LONGER!
KLANG
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ZZZZZZ
WHRRRR
THE BEAM'S... BROKEN! GET BACK TO THE SHIP--
THIS JUNKYARD IS NOW A GRAVEYARD!
THAT MECHANICAL BRAIN MADE ONE FATAL MISTAKE!
ITS TRANSPLANT OF OUR ACTIONS AND REACTIONS WAS TOO PERFECT!
THE BRAIN FORGOT THAT WHEN IT GRAFTED OUR HUMAN TRAITS ONTO ITS MACHINES-- THAT THE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM IS INHERENT IN EVERY HUMAN!
AND THE MACHINES DID WHAT WE WOULD DO-- THEY REBELLED!
WHERE TO NOW, VOYAGERS?
ANOTHER GALAXY-- ANOTHER STAR!
TRAVEL WITH THE SPACE VOYAGERS INTO REALMS BOUNDED ONLY BY MAN'S IMAGINATION!
THE END
NEXT ISSUE ON SALE DURING THE THIRD WEEK IN MAY